

**In the Claims**

Please replace all prior versions of claims in the application with the following claims:

Please amend claims 1-6 as indicated below:

1. (Currently Amended) Transferring device having;

at least one gripper rail (12) which can be brought into engagement with at least one workpiece and which can be driven in a lifting direction, a closing direction-(B) and an advancing direction (A),

at least one lifting drive and/or at least one closing drive,

at least one advancing drive (18), and

an arm (28) connected to the advancing drive (18) pivotably about an axis (34) substantially parallel to the advancing direction (A), wherein

characterized in that

the gripper rail (12) is directly engaged with the arm (28) in the advancing direction (A) and can be displaced in a direction perpendicular thereto.

2. (Currently Amended) Transferring device according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the arm (28) comprises a turning/pushing unit (30,32).

3. (Currently Amended) Transferring device according to claim 2, characterized in that wherein the turning/pushing unit comprises a guide (30) and a sliding block (30) guided thereon and attached rotatably to the gripper rail (12).

4. (Currently Amended) Transferring device according to any one of the previous claims, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the arm (28) has an overload protection in the form of a component having a defined breaking or release force.

5. (Currently Amended) Transferring device according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein the overload protection is provided in the area of the pivotable mounting of the arm.

6. (Currently Amended) Transferring device according to ~~any one of the previous~~  
~~claims, characterized in that it~~ claim 1, which comprises two gripper rails (12) and two  
advancing drives (18) assigned each to the gripper rails, said drives being controllable  
independently of each other.